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Associate of Former C.I.A. Agent Admits Accepting a Bribe

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WASHINGTON, July 13 — A former Federal official pleaded guilty in Federal District Court here today to accepting a bribe from Edwin P. Wilson, the former intelligence agent now in custody on charges of illegally shipping explosives to Libya.

As part of a plea agreement, the former official, Paul Cyr, who was in charge of Congressional relations for the Federal Energy Administration, has agreed to cooperate with the authorities in a Federal investigation of Mr. Wilson's international activities.

Mr. Cyr is the latest of several former Wilson associates to provide evidence against him.

Mr. Cyr pleaded guilty to two counts of agreeing to receive and receiving an illegal gratuity. The offenses are felonies; each can carry a sentence of up to two years in prison. Federal District Judge John Pratt, who accepted the plea, did not set a date for sentencing.

Federal Contract Involved

Mr. Cyr had been under Federal investigation but has not been indicted. According to Carol Bruce, the Assistant United States Attorney who described

the plea bargain in court, the bribe was for help Mr. Cyr provided Mr. Wilson in 1977 in getting a Federal contract for a Wilson client, a company called Data Financial Systems.

Mr. Wilson, who had left the Central Intelligence Agency and was working as a consultant, acted as a go-between in putting the company in touch with Mr. Cyr at the Federal Energy Administration. The company ultimately won a \$25,000 subcontract from the Department of Energy and paid Mr. Wilson for his assistance. Mr. Wilson then paid from \$3,000 to \$8,000 to Mr. Cyr. Miss Bruce, the Federal prosecutor,

said there was no allegation that Data Financial Systems had broken the law.

Mr. Cyr was in charge of Congressional relations for the Army Materiel Command before he took a similar job with the energy administration. His network of acquaintances on Capitol Hill may make his testimony interesting to Federal prosecutors trying to track Mr. Wilson's own relationships.

Mr. Wilson has been under indictment since 1980 on a range of charges involving his Libyan activities. He was turned out of Libya last month in an elaborate trap set by the Justice Department. He is being held on \$50 million bond at an undisclosed location in the New York area. Several Federal grand juries are investigating his activities.

Last year investigators were examining charges that payments to Mr. Wilson by another company, Control Data Corporation, were channeled to Mr. Cyr. Miss Bruce said today that the aspect of the case involving Control Data had been "closed."

Mrs. Ashbrook Takes Office

WASHINGTON, July 13 (UPI) — Jean Ashbrook was sworn in as a member of the House Monday to fill the unexpired term of her late husband, Representative John Ashbrook, Republican of Ohio.

O'Neill Attacks Amendment On the Budget as 'Cowardly'

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP) — The Speaker of the House, Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., today assailed a proposed constitutional amendment to balance the Federal budget as "a cowardly way out" of the nation's economic problems. Despite his own opposition, however, the Massachusetts Democrat predicted the amendment would clear Congress this year.

"It will pass," he said, as the Senate debated the measure for a second day.

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